
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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Local Food and Farm

Purpose and History

The Local Food and Farm Program was established in 2011 by the General Assembly. Moneys were appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) to maintain a cost-share agreement to support a Program Coordinator position at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University. The Program supports the development of local food businesses and markets as well as facilitating communication among farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers.

Goals

The goals of the Program include:

- Promoting the expansion of local food production, including livestock, eggs, milk, fruit, vegetables, grains, herbs, honey, and nuts.
- Processing, canning, or preserving Iowa-grown products.
- Assisting with marketing and distributing Iowa farm food products.
- Increasing consumer spending on Iowa farm food products.
- Increasing the profitability and number of jobs associated with the production of Iowa farm food products.

Funding History

The General Assembly appropriated \$75,000 from the Environment First Fund for FY 2012. The amount appropriated has remained constant since then; however, the funding has been from the General Fund.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [267A](#)

More Information

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